

REMARKS

The following remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on 5/17/07. Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. In an offer of compromise, the Applicants are cancelling original claims 1-4 without prejudice.

Accordingly, remaining pending claims 5-43 are now believed to be in condition for allowance in light of the cancellation of claims 1-4 and because of the amendment to claim 14.

DISCUSSION OF THE OFFICE ACTION

In the Office Action of 5/17/07, the Examiner objected to claim 14 and he rejected claims 1, and 3-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over fig. 1 of the present application in view of Nagarajan (US 2005/0180364) and he rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over fig. 1 of the present application in view of Nagarajan (US 2005/0180364) and further in view of Mosinski et al (US 6529563).

Objection to claim 14

As per the Examiner's suggestions, the objection to claim 14 has been overcome by the amendment thereto.

Rejection of claims 1, 3-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In light of the cancellation of claims 1, and 3-4 by the present communication, the rejection of such claims is deemed moot.

Rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In light of the cancellation of claim 2 by the present communication, the rejection of the claim is deemed moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-43 have been allowed with claim 14 deemed allowed based on the amendment to such claim.

Conclusion

Based on the amendments and comments as discussed above, each objection and rejection presented in the Office Action dated 5/17/07 is believed overcome and Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. Thus, this application is deemed to be in condition for allowance based on remaining pending claims 5-43.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that can be clarified with a telephone conference, she is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-3682.

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